

Farm City Week winners honored at banquet



CHAPPLE AND RUBY CURRINGTON received the 2000 Farm City Livestock Award. They are pictured above with Phil Farris, right, who presented the award on behalf of the Coffee County Cattlemen's Association.



JOHN AND SUE WAMBLES were awarded the Livestock Production award for their 90 head brood cow herd. Presenting the award on behalf of the Coffee County Cattlemen's Association was Phil Farris, right.



RALPH AND JOYCE MOODY were shown with their small farm Peanut champion plaque. They averaged 3,379 pounds on 54 acres. Presenting the plaque was Anderson Peanut company.



JACK B. WINDHAM was awarded the Forestry Management Award for 2000. Pictured above are Farm City Chairman Ken Farris and Charlotte and Jackie Windham. Also present during the ceremony was Windham mother, Mrs. Jessie Windham.



THE ELBA CLIPPER, published in Elba for 103 years, was named Business of the Year at the annual Farm City Banquet. Shown above are Farris and Hedy Cox, owners and presenter Kay Whitworth, executive director of the Elba Chamber of Commerce.



ENTERPRISE JUNIOR COLLEGE received the 2000 Industry of the Year award. Pictured above are Kathy Sauer, President of the Enterprise Chamber of Commerce, Dr. Stafford Thompson, president of ESC and John McClean, chairman of the Enterprise Chamber Board of Directors.



CENTURY AND HERITAGE FARM - the Caylor Farm was honored with a statewide recognition reserved for farms which have been owned and operated by the same family for over 100 years. Pictured are father Guy Taylor, his son Bill, their wives and Farm City Chairman Ken Farris. Only one other Coffee County has been so honored.



LOTT FARMS, in the New Hope Community, was named the Outstanding Cooperator of the Year. Pictured are Carl and Renee Lott and Myrtle and Charles Lott being presented their honor by Mike Farris, representing the Coffee County Soil and Water Conservation District.



SPORT MARTIN was honored as the 2000 Conagra Broiler Producer of the Year. Pictured above are Drake Hanson, Conagra, Mr. and Mrs. Sport (Bessie) Martin, son Loftin Martin and Rick Tolus, Conagra.



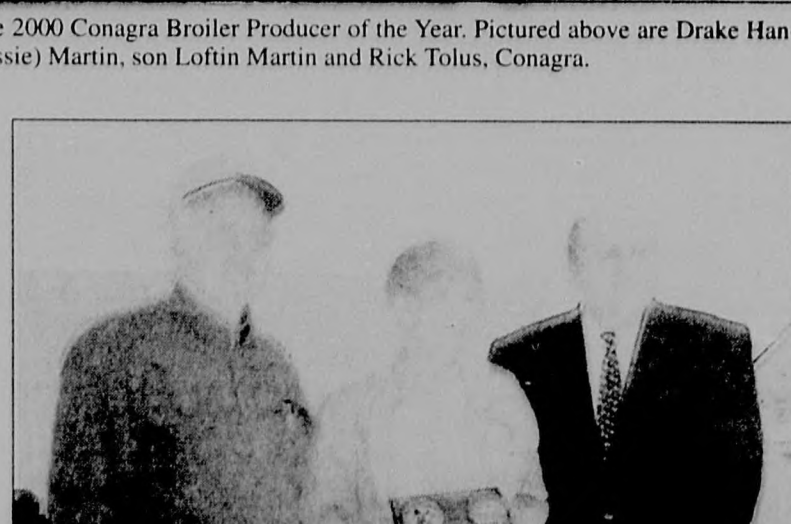
SNELL FARMS of New Brockton, owned and operated by the James and Gail Snell family, was the 2000 Coffee County Farm of Distinction during Farm City Week. The Snell family is shown with Farm City Chairman Ken Farris, left and Coffee County Extension Agent Stan Windham, right.



TRIPLE K FARMS honored as the Conagra Breeder of the Year. Pictured are Rick Tolus and Drake Hanson of Conagra and Daryl Kersey, owner of Triple K Farms.



KENNETH WALLS was named the Coffee County Cotton Champion. He produced 528 bales on 448 acres. Pictured are Bobby Crutchfield and Kenneth and Elizabeth Walls with their plaque.



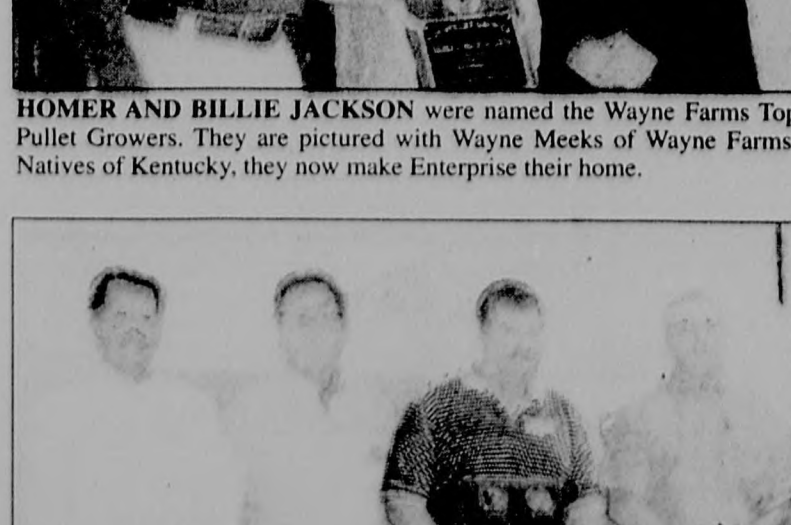
HOMER AND BILLIE JACKSON were named the Wayne Farms Top Pullet Growers. They are pictured with Wayne Meeks of Wayne Farms. Pallets of Kentucky, they now make Enterprise their home.



BILLY AND JEANNIE EAGERTON, of the New Hope Community, were named as the Wayne Farms Top Hen Producer of the Year. Pictured above are Sammy Dennis and Wayne Meeks with Mrs. Eagerton.



MIKE AND KRISTY SMITH were presented the Wayne Farms Top Hen award. Pictured above are brothers Kenneth, Larry and Terry Carney and Anderson's Mr. Reed. Father John Carney is still alive, active and 82 years old.



CARNEY FARMS received the large farm Peanut Grower of the Year award. Pictured above are brothers Kenneth, Larry and Terry Carney and Anderson's Mr. Reed. Father John Carney is still alive, active and 82 years old.

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Elba City Council hears of problems with hunters shooting in residential areas

by Ferrin Cox, Publisher

The Elba City Council members voted Monday evening to rescind an October dress code which included coats and ties for council members during all meetings. In the 4-2 vote, the council will depend on Mayor James Grimes to notify them of any special meetings in which they will again don their formal attire.

Voting for the change were councilmen L. M. Burch, David Branstetter, Junior Culver and Mayor

Grimes. Voting against the change were Councilmen Harold Spicer and Ronnie Hammond.

Following the vote, Hammond said he was obviously upset, saying that hundreds of citizens had expressed to him their appreciation that the city fathers chose to show their pride in such a way.

Spicer said the city fathers handle a lot of money each month on behalf of the people of Elba and

needed to "not come dressed like a bunch of cotton pickers."

Police Chief R. W. Whitworth told council members of a problem in the Brookdale area with hunting near homes and a day care center. The chief said he had talked with the hunter with the hunting lease, who was not ugly, but expressed concern over having purchased the hunting lease and now being asked to stop hunting in the area.

Dorsey officials make statement

Following the rejection by the local union members last week of a proposal to make wage concessions in their contract with Dorsey Trailers, Inc., company officials met with their financial backers. On Tuesday, John L. Pugh, Chief Executive Officer for Dorsey,

issued the following statement. "After meeting with our lender, we have decided to suspend operations at our three manufacturing plants in Elba, Al, Cartersville, Ga., and Dillon, SC until all our options can be evaluated. Filing a petition for bankruptcy is a distinct possibility."

New county commission's meeting brief

by Marvin McLwain, Editor

The first bi-monthly meeting of the newly sworn in Coffee County Commission was brief and to the point Monday morning. With new commission chairperson Linda Westbrook presiding over the meeting, commissioners moved through the short meeting agenda.

Commissioners heard a complaint from Thomas Boswell concerning Co. Rd. 234. He told commissioners that the dirt road was approximately 200 yards long and that he was the only resident on the road.

Boswell said his problems started about four years ago when the road was numbered and a stop sign was placed at the intersection of Co. Rd. 228. He noted that motorists would come down the road and would park, "drink beer" and throw their empty containers out on the road.

A request was made by Boswell that the road be "closed" (no longer identified as a public road). He was told that a petition bearing the signatures of all the landowners would be required in order to close the road.

After a short discussion, Commissioner Kayo Lewis told Boswell that he and county engineer Randy Tindell would, "look at the situation and see what needs to be done."

Chairperson Westbrook proposed

Elba native and novelist Bob Inman to hold autograph session Sunday

Novelist and Elba native Robert Inman will be at The Briar Patch in Elba this upcoming Sunday, Dec. 3, from 1-3 p.m. autographing his new book, *Coming Home*.

Inman writes of growing up in Elba and of adventures with his childhood friend "Booger" Winston. He writes, too, of life and love, home and family.

Longtime Inman fans will be pleased to hear that a whole section of this book has been devoted to the Southern wit and wisdom of Delbert Earle and his great-uncle Orestes.

Like his novels, *Coming Home*, is rooted in the joys and fascinations of Inman's small-town upbringing, where as he puts it, "You get to look people in the eye day after day and learn who they are and how to get along with them."

Inman spent more than a quarter-century as a TV journalist and news anchor before leaving in 1996 to come home to his first love - writing. He is the author of three novels, all published by Little, Brown and Co.: *Home Fires Burning* (1987), *Old Dogs and Children* (1991), and *Dairy Queen Days* (1997). He is currently at work on a novel, *Captain Saturday*, to be published by Little, Brown.

Besides his books, Inman has

also written seven screenplays, two of which have been Hallmark Hall of Fame presentations. In addition, he writes a column for the Sunday *Charlotte Observer*.

A graduate of the University of Alabama, the author and his wife, Paulette, live in Charlotte and Boone, N.C. They have two daughters, Mrs. Larkin Ferris of Breckenridge, Colo. and Lee of Birmingham.

All literary fans are encouraged to come by The Briar Patch (on the square in Elba) on Sunday, Dec. 3, to meet and talk with novelist Robert Inman. The Briar Patch has copies of each of Inman's novels for sale.

He did not feel that it should be done in Monday's meeting due to the fact that the field of applicants had not been reviewed and narrowed down.

He encouraged the other members of the commission to place a high priority on this matter and take action in the very near future.

Commissioner Robert Stephens made a motion that the Kinston Rescue Squad be paid a monthly subsidy of \$140 for providing emergency medical service to residents in the southwest portion of the county.

It had been determined that Kinston Rescue Squad serves approximately 7 percent of the residents of the county. The above figure is that same percentage of the subsidies being provided to other organizations providing emergency medical services to other areas of the county.

The commissioners voted unanimously in favor of Stephens' motion.

Commissioner Stephens tendered his resignation, effective immediately, as a member of the Resource Conservation and Development Board and recommended that he be replaced by Commissioner Doug Dyalmyne. The others commissioners concurred with Stephens' recommendation.

Finally, the commission extended credit to two firms - Saliba Construction of Dothan and First Team of Enterprise - for the use of the county's solid waste landfill.

The next meeting of the county commission will be Monday, Dec. 11, at 9 a.m. in the Community Room located in the County Complex in New Brockton.

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Dorsey Trailers employees notified of health insurance termination

Employees of Dorsey Trailers began getting letters this week notifying them that their Blue Cross Blue Shield health insurance was terminated effective November 11th.

Employees were told to contact the administrative office at 1315 Hickman Avenue, Elba or call 897-5711 with any questions.

The first paragraph reads, "Please be advised that Blue Cross Blue Shield of Alabama terminated the company today that it has terminated its agreement with Dorsey Trailers effective November 11, 2000. Therefore, the company's group health plan is terminated effective November 11, 2000. Claims incurred on or after such date are not covered."

For the benefit of these employees who need health insurance, they can contact Alabama Health Insurance Plan (AHIP) at 1-877-619-2447.

Individuals in one of the groups eligible for this state sponsored insurance are those who "your most recent continuous coverage was under a group health plan, government plan, or church plan."

A number of private insurance companies also write health insurance for individuals and families.

New Brockton police arrest couple on drug trafficking charges

A New Brockton husband and wife have been arrested and placed in the Coffee County Jail on drug charges.

On Friday, Nov. 24, David Lee Shepard, 40, and Rhonda Michelle Shepard, 28, residents of an upstairs apartment at 201 South John Street, were arrested and charged with trafficking methamphetamine.

The New Brockton Police Department had received several complaints and suspected Mr. Shepard of manufacturing and selling methamphetamine. After following a lead and a controlled buy, police officers were able to obtain a search warrant allowing them to enter the premises.

Mr. and Mrs. Shepard were stopped on a traffic stop by Chris Davis, an investigator with the Coffee County Sheriff's Department, and New Brockton police officers. Meanwhile, Officers Danny L. Richards and Capt. Dale Grimes were enroute with the search warrant. Both Mr. and Mrs. Shepard were detained, the search warrant was served, and at approximately 6:30 p.m., officers executed the warrant and entered the residence.

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EDITORIAL

BRAINSTORMS

With Ferrin Cox

Let you can't tell us who the president-elect of the United States is? The saga continues and our comments today would be redundant. Opinions haven't changed, nor has the situation. Often heard in Elba is that "they" should get on with business AFTER all the options have been explored. That is good sense, but just who will define "all"? Supporters of the losing candidate will be unhappy and wanting to try just one more thing. That is one of the human elements involved in this issue, and in life, but don't complain as it is another of those traits which make us so unique in this world.

The news about Dorsey Trailers is not good news, but the employees will survive, as will Elba. The workers may hit on some hard times before settling on something else but must have shown that they are survivors. At this point there is no known answer to the often asked question of what will happen to Dorsey Trailers. The brief official statement released Tuesday afternoon basically said what Elba folks knew, which was that the plant was closed. There was a ray of hope, if ever so slight, in the comment that management is evaluating "our options" and expects "this evaluation process to be completed quickly." If the company management can arrange things, basically financing, and reopen "great" other ways, for the benefit of the out-of-work employees, they need to get out of the picture as quickly as possible in order to make the available trained work force more attractive to some other manufacturing firm. Many of these men and women have never done anything but build Dorsey Trailers, and they are good at it. We remember the days when a Dorsey Trailer was considered the "Cadillac of the trailer industry." Workers were proud of their work and buyers didn't worry about getting an inferior product. Therefore, industry seekers don't have to be ashamed or apologize when they approach growing manufacturing firms looking for a good expansion location. They can describe the jewel of a work force that is available in Elba, Ala. without fear of contradiction.

The Master was looking out for Elba last Saturday. The heavy rains on Friday were a blessing for our dry, dry streams and was predicted to continue into Saturday but cleared out before daylight Saturday morning. This change in the weather gave those participating in the Christmas Festival activities nice weather for all the events, climaxed in the annual Christmas parade. At our house, it was a double whammy event. Our children gathered in Elba for the traditional Thanksgiving meal with Mother and Daddy, a couple of days following Thanksgiving, after spending Thursday with relatives on "the other side of the family." All were able to couple the eating with the craft booths and climaxed the day with the Christmas parade.

Heddy and I have become masters at utilizing leftovers from large family gatherings. Each of us can be blamed for this ritual. Heddy for cooking a lot (always too much) of good food. I, yours truly, for not wanting to waste a single bite of such tasty groceries. Some weeks ago we almost had a heart attack about a week after one such event when she commented about it being time to throw out what was still uneaten. The compromise was to discard some week-old roast, but give me a couple more days on the vegetables.

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From The U. S. House of Representatives

by Congressman Terry Everett

OUR MILITARY HAVE A RIGHT TO BE COUNTED

The right to vote is the cornerstone of our democracy. Our ability to freely cast a ballot - something which too many take for granted today - was won by the blood of Americans before us and continues to be protected by our men and women in uniform stationed all around the world. Given these truths, it is absolutely shocking that some would seek to deny the very defenders of our freedom their entitled American birthright - the right to vote.

As I write this column, there are groups involved in the on-going Presidential election recount in Florida who seek to disenfranchise our military voters by blocking the count of many of their absentee ballots. This is a willful disregard of the Constitutional rights of our men and women in arms should outrage all Americans - regardless of their political affiliation. This is not an issue of political parties but one of fairness and federal law.

Unlike most American citizens, our military are not able to keep regular schedules that let them periodically cast ballots in elections. Currently, for hundreds of thou-

sands of active duty military stationed overseas the only way to exercise their Constitutional right to vote is by absentee ballot.

So that they and other Americans abroad can have a voice in our democracy, Congress passed the Uniformed and Overseas Citizens Absentee Voting Act in 1986. The purpose of this law is to ensure that Americans overseas, including military personnel, have timely access to absentee ballots and that their ballots be counted back home. Specifically, it requires that "balloting materials under this act be carried by the Post Office expeditiously and free of postage" and it authorizes the mailing of such ballots for materials at any post office outside the United States.

At issue in the Florida case is whether or not many of these overseas absentee ballots are eligible for counting because they were not dated stamped. Since federal law makes it clear that such ballots don't require postage, it stands to reason that they would not be stamped or cancelled and that a state's decision to disqualify them on that basis would be unfair and contrary to the intent of federal law. Those who have served in our armed forces abroad or have

relatives who have done so, are certainly aware that U.S. military mail is often unstamped.

Given its obvious conflict with federal law, the State of Florida should do the right thing and accept overseas military ballots which have been received by the proper deadline whether they are date stamped or not. It is not enough for the Florida attorney general to simply "recommend" that the military ballots now be counted. This has no binding legal effect and simply gives an appearance of taking symbolic action to avoid criticism.

As a member of the House Armed Services Committee, I am deeply troubled by this denial of our military's right to vote and call on Congress to investigate this case and take the necessary steps to ensure that federal law prevails.

No American military service member should be denied the right to vote, and certainly no state should be able to arbitrarily ignore federal law that ensures a soldier's right to have his or her absentee ballot counted. Those who defend our liberty every day certainly have earned the right to share in it. To allow any less would be un-American.

ELBA GENERAL HOSPITAL REPORT

Elba General Hospital had the following patients admitted during the time period of November 20, 2000 through November 26, 2000. They were: Debra Ledbetter, Kristin Johnson, John Gilbert, Tracy Mauldin, Hezrie Faulkner, Buck

Donaldson, Michael Blair, and William English.

Persons discharged during the same time period were: James, Debra Ledbetter, John Gilbert, Tracy Mauldin, Jessie Windham, and Hezrie Faulkner.

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It has been both a privilege and honor to have served as your Probate Judge for the past six years; Thank you for that opportunity. On November 7th you again elected me to serve you. To be re-elected by the people of Coffee County is a gratifying and humbling experience. I will work hard to justify your confidence in me and I wish to thank each person who encouraged, helped and voted for me in the past election.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Editor,

Here lately many states have outlawed ticket scalping, the process of selling tickets for more than you paid for them. Quite frankly, I cannot believe it! If you buy the ticket, that ticket becomes your property, and what you do with it is your own business. If someone will pay you what you are asking for the ticket, then there is no problem. It is a simple matter of supply and demand. The scalper supplies the ticket at his price, and the buyer demands the ticket and is willing to pay the price.

Many people argue that legalizing ticket scalping will lead to fewer people being able to attend events. Well, I say that if they cannot or will not pay that higher price, get in line the day tickets go on sale at the box office, and buy them at regular price. When tickets to a particular event go on sale, everyone has the same opportunity to get tickets. Then, they will have the tickets and will have had to pay only fair value.

Of course, venues will only hold a certain number of people, so when tickets go on sale, there will always be people who will not get tickets. Then the only way that they can attend the event is to pay the scalper his price. I know from experience because this recently

happened to me. I was looking forward to going to see my favorite singer, Jimmy Buffett, in concert. The tickets went on sale at 10:00 a.m. I began calling at 9:50 in an attempt to get tickets, and I was greeted repeatedly by busy signals. Finally, at about 10:35 I got through, only to learn that tickets were sold out. I checked into every ticket broker I could find, and I finally found one who was willing to sell me a ticket at a decent price: \$125. Face value was \$50. I had the time of my life at the concert, so it was well worth it to me. I wish that I could have found someone who would have sold it to me for \$50, but I can understand why no one would.

Another problem with making ticket scalping illegal is that it is all but impossible to enforce equally. For example, every Alabama home football game this year has been sold out, and Bryant Denny Stadium holds over 83,000 people. That means that there is a possibility of 83,000 tickets being scalped outside the stadium before the game.

No police force can oversee that many people. While a policeman is writing out a citation for a person selling tickets at double face, someone two blocks up the road could be selling tickets for triple face. A law against ticket scalping cannot

be administered fairly. For all of the states out there who have not outlawed ticket scalping, I commend you! For those of you who have, I am calling upon you to reconsider what you have done. If people are willing to pay their price, that is their own business. No one is forcing anyone to pay anything. They are simply offering to sell a ticket at a certain price, just as department stores are offering to sell clothes at a certain price.

Christopher Kimbrell
Trussville, AL

Dear Mr. Cox,

I enjoy your Brainstorms each week. Keep up the good work. On Dec. 2, 2000, the American Legion Culver Post 42 will have the December meeting on Saturday from eleven until one o'clock with a covered dish dinner. All members and former members are urged to attend. Men bring a gift for a man and ladies bring a gift for a lady.

Hope for a great time of fellowship. See you there.

Sincerely,
J.L. Edgar
205 Hwy. 166
Elba, AL 36323

Dear Editor,

We would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone that helped us to be successful during the Elba Christmas Festival this year.

We would like to say a special thanks to the following: The Elba Methodist Church for the use of the Fellowship Hall and to the American Red Cross and the donors that participated in the blood drive where 32 pints of blood were collected. Also, to Bob Roberson of the Medical Arts Pharmacy, Ed and Tammy Wesley of Worth Tint, Joan Ward of the Elba Chamber of Commerce, and Chief Ronnie Whitworth of the Elba Police Department, where with your help Justin Williams's Eagle Scout Service Project was a great success.

Over 110 children were photographed and fingerprinted during the festival. Hopefully, these records will never be needed, but if the need arises their parents will be prepared! A special thanks to Jimmy Harrison for asking us to lead the parade this year, we had a great time.

Finally, thanks to the citizens of Elba for your support of the Boy Scouts this year. With your help, we have been able to provide a quality program to the young men of this area.

Sincerely,
Elba Boy Scout Troop 37

Operation Santa Claus Sign-Up Deadline Set For Friday-Dec. 1st

The Elba Department of Parks and Recreation is currently sponsoring its first "Operation Santa Claus" to benefit needy children in Elba.

Friday, Dec. 1, is the last day for families to sign up to receive donations for this program.

It will benefit Elba children ages 12 and under that are active in the recreation programs of the city, with all gifts coming from the public and business community.

All citizens and businesses in the City of Elba are encouraged to help make this event a success, and are urged to bring toys, games, bikes, candy, dolls and any other items that children would appreciate during this joyous season.

Items to be donated should be taken to the Elba Recreation Center, at 764 North Claxton Avenue, between the business hours of 8 a.m. until 5 p.m. Items will also be picked up by the recreation staff. Donations will be taken until a later announced date.

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AREA DEATHS

HENRY ALTON JACKSON

Mr. Henry Alton Jackson, age 93, of Enterprise, Ala., died Nov. 21, 2000 at the Enterprise Nursing Home.

Mr. Jackson was a lifelong resident of Elba and Coffee County. Funeral services were held Nov. 24, 2000 at Zion Chapel Baptist Church with Rev. Mark Griffin and Rev. Jimmy Maddox officiating. Burial followed in the Zion Chapel Baptist Church Cemetery with Hayes Funeral Home directing.

Mr. Jackson was preceded in death by a son, Thomas R. Jackson. Survivors include his wife, Vera Mae Jackson, Enterprise; a daughter and son-in-law: Sarah and Roger Lee, Marietta, Ga.; a son and daughter-in-law: Adron and Millie Jackson, Vassilla, Ark.; two sisters: Irene Wilks, Troy, Mary Ola Sunday, Bainbridge, Ga.; two brothers: Roy Jackson, Elba, James Jackson, Jack; six grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

GLADYS SIMPLER MOSES

Mrs. Gladys Simpler Moses, age 83, of Luverne, Ala., died Nov. 20, 2000 in a Luverne nursing home. Funeral services were held Nov. 23, 2000 at Mt. Pleasant Church of Christ with Ministers Jerry Barlow, Jeff Grimes and Mike Moses officiating. Burial followed in the church cemetery with Turner Funeral Home of Luverne directing.

Survivors include one son: Bobby Moses, Luverne; two daughters and sons-in-law: Brenda and Don Whitmer, Sarasota, Fla.; Barbara and James Mitchell, Brantley; three sisters: Mildred Gown, Mary Leftcoat and Edna Leftcoat, all of Montgomery; two brothers: Fred Simpler, Andalusia, Edward Simpler, Luverne; 11 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

MINNIE VELMA BRADSHAW

Mrs. Minnie Velma Bradshaw, age 88, of 987 Drayton Street, Elba, Ala., died Nov. 21, 2000 at the Elba Nursing Home after an extended illness.

Mrs. Bradshaw was a lifetime resident of Coffee County. Survivors include her wife: Ethel

Funeral services were held Nov. 24, 2000 from the Chapel of Hayes Funeral Home in Elba with Min. Terry Gunnels officiating. Burial followed in the New Brockton City Cemetery with Hayes Funeral Home directing.

Mrs. Bradshaw was preceded in death by her husband, Fleming P. Bradshaw, a son, Tim Bradshaw, her parents, Albert Aaron and Etta Gunter Akridge, three brothers, Wade Akridge, Emmett Akridge and R. A. Akridge, and three sisters, Ethel Byrd, Bert Mills and Belle Baxley.

Survivors include three daughters and a son-in-law: Joan B. Stevens, Joyce B. Falls, Parry B. and Herschel Williams, all of Elba; one son and daughter-in-law: Jimmy D. and Brunese L. Bradshaw, Elberta, Ala.; a daughter-in-law: Frances M. Bras, Elberta; 10 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.

HOWARD LESLIE WALLER

Mr. Howard Leslie Waller, age 79, of Elba, died Nov. 28, 2000 at Southeast Alabama Medical Center. Visitation was held at Hayes Funeral Home Chapel Wed., Nov. 29, 2000, 6 - 8 p.m., with funeral services being held today (Thursday), Nov. 30, 2000, at 11 a.m. at Hayes Funeral Home Chapel. Rev. John I. Baxter officiating. Burial follows in Evergreen Cemetery with Hayes Funeral Home directing.

Mr. Waller was born in Gotebe, Okla., Feb. 19, 1921, served in the U.S. Navy during World War II, and moved his family to Elba in Oct., 1954. He was an avid Elba High School football fan and outdoorsman.

Memorials may be made to Diabetes Association. Survivors include his wife: Ethel

Frank Waller, Elba; daughter and son-in-law, Becky and Donnie Morrow, Elba; son and daughter-in-law, Leslie and Billie Waller, Lake City, Fla.; son Dwayne Waller, Foley; son and daughter-in-law, Jerry and Jeannette Waller, Fairhope; two brothers: Lawrence Waller, Ardmore, Okla., and Garland Waller, Noble, Okla.; 10 grandchildren; 23 great-grandchildren.

WYNELL BRADSHAW

Mrs. Wynell Bradshaw, age 73, of 1060 East Davis Street, Elba, Ala., died Nov. 28, 2000 at Southeast Alabama Medical Center in Dothan.

Funeral services will be held Thursday, Nov. 30, 2000 at 2 p.m. at Westside Baptist Church with Dr. Mack Amis and Dr. Tony Dye officiating. Burial will follow in the Hillcrest Memorial Gardens of Elba with Hayes Funeral Home directing.

Mrs. Bradshaw was preceded in death by a daughter, Eloise Bradshaw. Survivors include her husband, Marvin Charles Bradshaw, Elba; two sons and daughters-in-law: Marvin Charles and Elsa Bradshaw Jr., Phenix City, Ala.; Gary and Monica Bradshaw, Enterprise; one brother: James Wilburn Skinner, Elba; seven grandchildren, one great-grandchild and several nephews and nieces.

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Co-Op Spotlight



by Tabitha Schultz

This week's co-op spotlight is Francie English, a 17-year-old employee of Kelly's BBQ. She makes deliveries to Dorsey's, answers the phone and waits tables. Francie's parents are Russ and Jo Ruth English. She is a member of VICA, is a First Baptist church youth leader, and is in the Coffee County Youth Leadership Program.

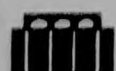
Francie states that her father and grandfather have inspired her the most. In her free time she likes to read, write poems and do things with friends.

Francie is undecided about a major but plans to attend college.

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Mock Election Held At EHS

by Alan Head

On Wednesday, Nov. 1, students and faculty were allowed to pick their presidential candidate by voting in a mock election at Elba High School. Before the election, the student body was briefed about each candidate from a student speaker selected by Coach Boyd English. The speakers selected were: Chelsea Cooper representing Al Gore and Ross Atkinson representing George Bush. In the end, the school opted to vote like our state and picked Bush as their president by voting 275 to 107 in favor of Bush.

It Ain't Over Yet!

by Leanne Mallory

Many people think that because football season is over that the band has nothing to do, but that is simply not true. Now that football season is over, the Elba High School Band will begin its concert season. During concert season the band will perform Christmas and Spring concerts. The band will also participate in District Band Competition. Many members of the band will individually attend honor bands, and hopefully, will participate in the Alabama All-State Band festival. The band needs your support as much now as they did during marching season.

** Students Of The Month **



by Chelsea Cooper

The students of the month for November are Alan Willis (left) and Miranda Russell (right).

Alan is in the seventh grade and was nominated by Karen Davis. She says, "Alan impressed me the first day of school. He has proved to be a great help to me with classroom responsibilities. He is energetic and always willing to do his part. His classwork is done with a lot of care, and he has such a respectful manner."

Miranda is in the eleventh grade and was nominated by Kathy Tucker. Ms. Tucker says, "Miranda is a workaholic. Whether it's classwork, work in the office where she aids fourth block, or giving computer help to her teachers, Miranda's attitude is, 'Work me hard.' Her work ethic makes her stand out from the majority of her peers."

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Math-A-Thon: Making Math Count

The Elba City School System is sponsoring the annual Math-A-Thon program for all interested students. Each year, more than 10,000 schools and almost 400,000 students participate in the Math-A-Thon. The program brings in more than \$20 million in pledges for the St. Jude Children's Hospital in Memphis, Tennessee. While this figure is impressive, it is only a fraction of the total annual operating costs of the hospital.

The average cost of treatment for a single patient during the first year is about \$50,000. Treatment for succeeding years drops to an annual cost of \$19,000. A typical treatment pattern is usually continued for an average of two and a half years.

St. Jude Hospital is the largest pediatric research facility in America established solely for the study of childhood catastrophic diseases. It is non-sectarian and open to children on a physician referral basis without regard to race, religion, creed, or financial status. All treatment costs, beyond any that might be reimbursed by health insurance, are paid from public contributions raised from events like Math-A-Thon.



Pictured above are some of the participants

Math-A-Thon is a meaningful, fun activity for students. It is a supplemental educational program that has been designed with the advice and assistance of professional educators, math teachers, and curriculum specialists. Students work math problems in special funbooks also provided by St. Jude Hospital. The goal of Math-A-Thon is to present a quality program for students that also benefits the life-saving research of children's catastrophic diseases at St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

Math-A-Thon is an entertaining and enjoyable way for students to review basic math skills and exercise problem-solving techniques and critical thinking processes.

Math-A-Thon participants are asked to recruit sponsors (family, friends, and neighbors) who will pledge donations (3c, 5c, 10c or more) based on the number of problems (usually 200) the child attempts in the funbooks that are provided. Donations are also accepted.

Students who turn in \$35 or more will receive a T-shirt and a Six Flags admission ticket. If \$75 or more is turned in, the student will also receive a sports bag. The student raising the most money over \$125 will receive a personal CD player.

Students can make math count for the children with cancer at St. Jude Hospital.

Elba Elementary School Menu Dec. 4 - 8, 2000

BREAKFAST

Monday - Cinnamon Toast, Applesauce, Cereal, Juice, Milk

Tuesday - Pancakes, Syrup, Cereal, Juice, Milk

Wednesday - Biscuit & Jelly, Sausage, Cereal, Juice, Milk

Thursday - Breakfast Pizza, 1/2 Apple, Cereal, Juice, Milk

Friday - Cheese Grits, Toast & Jelly, Cereal, Juice, Milk

LUNCH

Monday - Taco Salad, Corn on Cob, 1/2 Apple, Milk

Tuesday - Vegetable Beef Soup, Cheese Sandwich, Crackers, 1/2 Orange, Milk

Wednesday - Chicken Wiggle, Corn, English Peas, Yam Patty, Roll, Milk

Thursday - Hamburger, Lettuce, Tomato, Dill Pickles, French Fries, Cookie, Milk

Friday - Pizza, Broccoli w/Cheese, Carrots, Peach Slices, Milk

Rotary District 6880 & Elba Rotary Club Sponsor Youth Exchange Program

This year, about 7,000 young people, ages 15-19, will see the world the way it is meant to be seen, from the inside out, through a Rotary Youth Exchange Program. Short-term youth exchange programs for travel stays of approximately three to four weeks, starting in the summer of 2001, are available in almost any country where there are Rotary Clubs; that's 162 countries at present!

All local city and county school principals/counselors recently received information/brochures on this exciting program. If you are ready for the challenge, and the rewards, of experiencing the culture of another land as a Rotary Youth Exchange Student, then contact the Elba Rotary Club for more information and the application process. Contact Kelly Ross, International Service Chairperson at 897-2246, or Jim Gilmer, President, at 493-2182. Information is also available on the internet at http://www.rotary.org/programs/youth_ex/faq.htm

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Student Spotlight

by Francie English

Name: Annie Gene Campbell
Parents: James Ray Daniels and Mary Lou Daniels

Age: 16

Grade: 11th

Favorite color: green

Favorite music: R&B

Clubs/Activities: Chorus

Interests/Hobbies: Dancing and hanging out with Tasha Crawford, Sammy Hill, and Larkia Walker

Personal quote: "If it ain't broke, don't fix it."

Annie Gene's favorite subject is science because she loves to learn about nature.

Her favorite thing about Elba High School is Mr. Dunn's smile. The one class that she would like to take that isn't offered at EHS is ROTC.

Annie Gene wants to get a LPN and RN in nursing after she graduates.

Her most memorable moment at Elba High was having lunch with Alex Wilson.



Annie Gene Campbell

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Students Attend ESJC Career Day



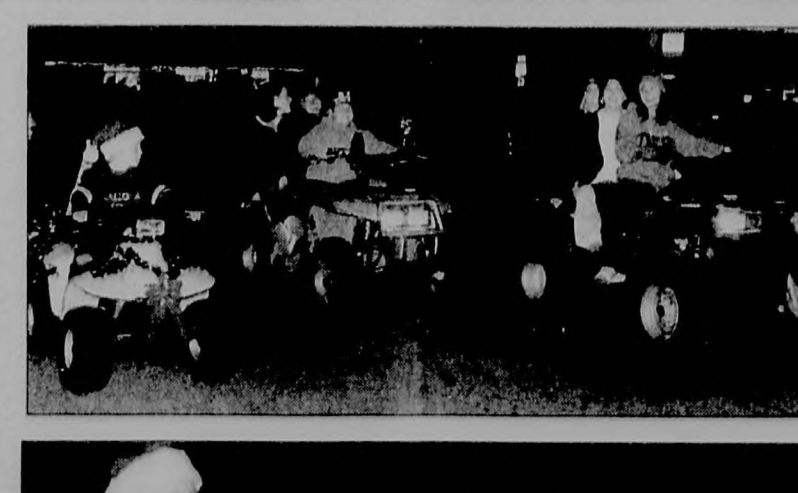
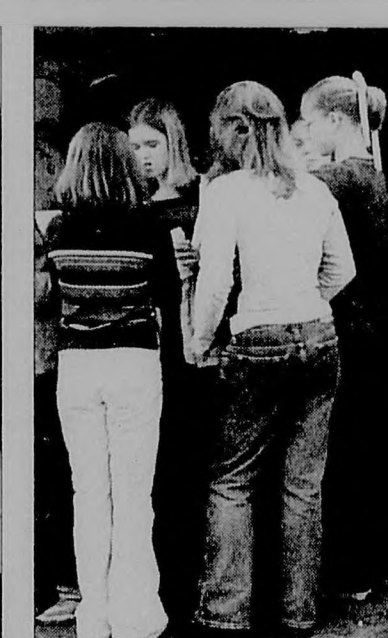
by Alan Head

On Thursday, Nov. 2, EHS senior students were given the opportunity to attend a Career Day assembly at ESJC concerning each of the student's future. The students who went were able to visit with people who had job experience in business, law enforcement, education, law, medicine, military, health, fitness, etc. After speaking with some of the students who attended the Career Day, the majority of the students seemed pleased with what they saw and heard from each representative.

Upcoming Events for Elba Elementary School

- Parent's Week schedule:
 - Dec. 4 - Kindergarten 12:00-12:33
 - Dec. 5 - Fifth Grade 11:50-12:25; Sixth Grade 11:40-12:15
 - Dec. 6 - First Grade 11:00-11:33; Fourth Grade 11:15-11:50
 - Dec. 7 - Second Grade 11:30-12:05; Third Grade 11:10-11:41
- (Due to the number of people the cafeteria will be preparing for, we ask that only parents or guardians attend)
- Dec. 4 - PTO Meeting 6:00 p.m. - Fifth Grade Band will perform
- Dec. 8 - Santa Pictures - packages are \$10 and must be prepaid. All kindergarten through 2nd Grade students will see Santa. Older siblings will be permitted to have pictures made with younger siblings. Make sure your child's teacher is aware if you wish to have a picture made with more than one child in it.
- Dec. 11 - Visit from Alabama Reading Initiative Higher Ed. Partners
- Dec. 12 - Christmas Band Concert - EHS - 7:00 p.m.
- Dec. 13 - Christmas Band Concert for Students - EHS - 1:15 p.m.
- Dec. 14 - Talent Pool puppet show - Grades K-3 at 8:30 a.m.
- Dec. 18 - Staff Christmas Party - 6:00 p.m. - EES Cafeteria
- Dec. 19 - Talent Pool play "Dogs" - K-3 at 8:15 a.m.; 4-6 at 9:30 a.m.
- Dec. 19 - Dismissal at 11:10 a.m. - Happy Holidays!!!
- Dec. 20-Jan. 2 CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS
- Jan. 3 - Students dismiss at 11:10 a.m. Teacher In-Service for the remainder of the day.

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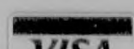
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COMMUNITY NEWS

Elba plans Christmas Tour of Homes

The Elba Chamber of Commerce will sponsor its Christmas Tour of Homes on Sunday, Dec. 10, from 2-4 p.m. The tour will feature four Elba homes this year, and each has its own distinct design for Christmas. Ticket cost is \$5 each, and they may be purchased at the Elba Chamber of Commerce office, Denise's Hair and Nail Salon or the Briar Patch. The tour will include the homes of: Stevie and Denise Sauls, Jim and Jennifer Hughes, Scott and Sabrina Kelley and Jimmy Harrison, Al Baxter and Alberto Herrera.



The home of Jim and Jennifer Hughes
1141 Forest Lake Drive • Elba



The home of Scott and Sabrina Kelley
1826 Woodland Drive • Elba



The home of Jimmy Harrison, Al Baxter and Alberto Herrera
717 Buford Street • Elba



The home of Stevie and Denise Sauls
2370 Taylor Mill Road • Elba

13th annual Christmas Parade winners announced

Winners from the 13th Annual Elba Christmas Parade were as follows:

Float: 1st Place: New Season's Study Club's MAGICAL CHRISTMAS FLOAT; 2nd Place: Representative Terry Speer; 3rd Place: National Security Group, Inc.

Decorated Vehicles: 1st Place: Teen Miss Coffee County; 2nd Place: Azalea Garden Club; 3rd Place: Santa Claus (Fire Department).

Walking/Marching Units: 1st Place: Elba High School Marching Tiger Band; 2nd Place: Zion Chapel Marching Rebel Band; 3rd Place: Elves.

Equestrian Units: 1st Place: Bobby Boutwell; 2nd Place: Opp Saddle Club.

Everyone did a great job in making this year's parade a success. Congratulations to everyone who participated.

NOTICE:

Due to the layoff at Dorsey Trailers and the cutback at Kleiner's, some students may be eligible for free or reduced lunch. Parents thinking their child may qualify can come by Elba Elementary School and fill out the appropriate application or call Shannon Catlett at 897-2814 and ask for an application to be sent home by the student.



ELBA'S ALL-STAR LIGHTING CEREMONY SPECIAL...The Elba Chamber of Commerce closed the 13th Annual Christmas Festival in a special way last Saturday evening when it held the 2nd Annual All-Star Lighting Ceremony. The ceremony was created to honor some of Elba's big hearted citizens. Above, Rhonda Stephens (center) sits with her two daughters, Mary Frances (left) and Elizabeth (right) as candles were being lit by this year's All-Stars. The ceremony was especially memorable for the Stephens' ladies as husband and father, Daniel Stephens, was one of the 18 honorees. The lighting ceremony is relatively new to the people of Elba, but it has already become an extraordinary event as it allows the citizens of Elba to show their appreciation to those who live up to the town's motto: "Small Town, Big Heart!"



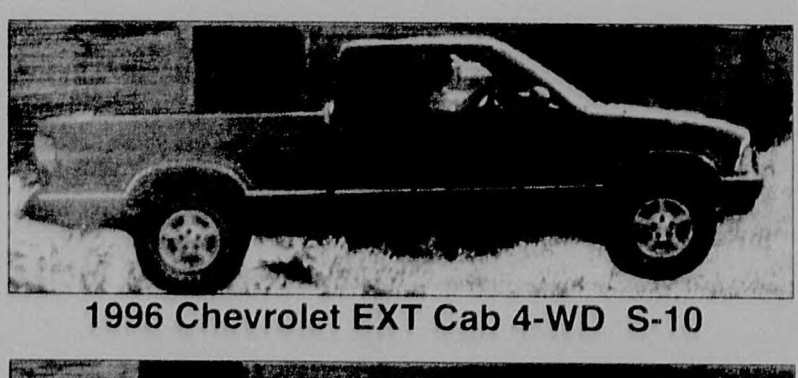
CROWD PLEASER...This is only a portion of the large crowd that attended the All-Star Lighting Ceremony. This new Elba tradition is quickly becoming one of the year's most anticipated events as it allows the town's citizens to show their appreciation for one another.

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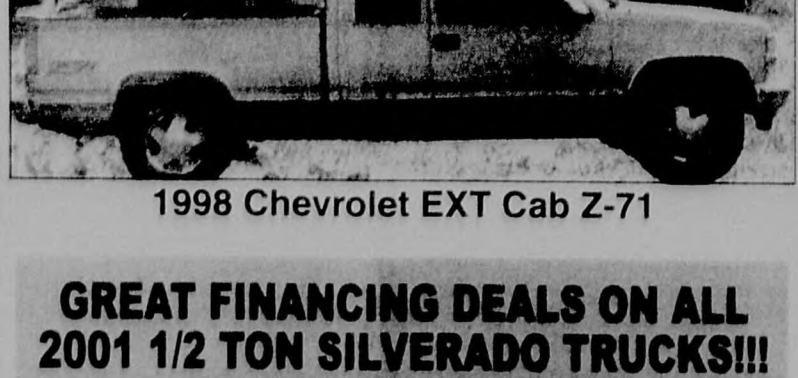
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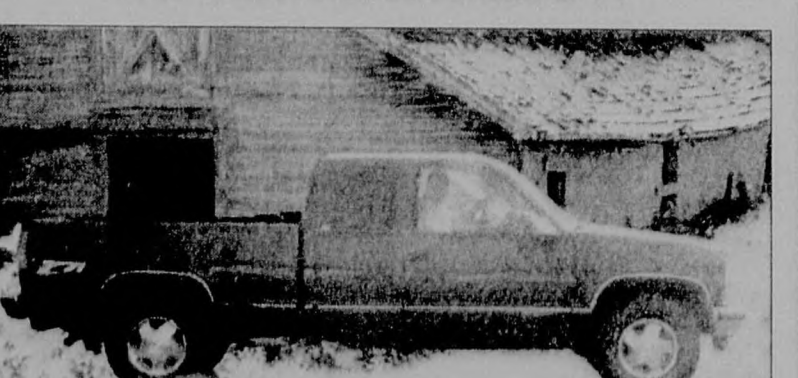
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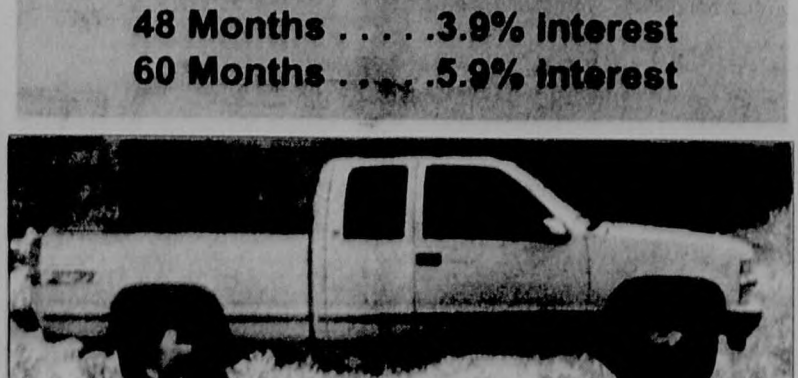
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